**The Enniskillen Bombing**



* The Enniskillen bombing is also known as the Remembrance Day bombing or the Poppy Day massacre.
* The time bomb was planted on the 7th of November and set to explode at 10:43 am the next day.
* On the 8th of November 1987 in the war memorial of the town of Enniskillen, County Fermanagh in Northern Ireland, during a remembrance day service which was held to commemorate the involvement of the British and Commonwealth military and civilian service in world war I, II and later conflicts.
* In total 12 people died with 63 injured. 10 of the people that died were civilians.
* The bomb was planted by the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA).
* The IRA claimed that the target of the bomb was the Crown Forces patrol. However, it has been alleged that the bomb was intended to kill Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) soldiers who paraded to the memorial
* The IRA said later that they had made a mistake. There sim was not achieved and many innocent civilians were killed. Even the Sinn Fein said they were embarrassed to know the IRA had been involved.
* The public’s reaction to the bombings significantly disadvantaged the Sinn Fein. In the first local election after the bombing they lost four of its eight council seats and were overtaken by a nationalist party. It took 14 years for their supporters to return.
* The Remembrance Day service was also re-done. 5000 people attended, including British Prime Minister.

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